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SUBJECT: ZAIRE INVOLVEMENT IN QUININE TRADE

1. PROMPTED BY AN INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN MCCORMACK, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN U.S. PRICES FOR QUINIDINE DRUGS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF ZAIRE, AND OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS, IN THE CINCHONA BARK AND QUININE BUSINESS.

2. THE INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE CINCHONA PLANTATIONS EXISTS IN ZAIRE BUT THAT THE EXPORT PRICE OF CINCHONA BARK IS CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. UNLIKE THE SITUATION ELSEWHERE, ZAIRE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY REQUIREMENT THAT THE BARK BE

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PROCESSED INTO QUININE OR QUINIDINE DRUGS BEFORE EXPORTA-

TION.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY ACCURACY OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND SUPPLEMENT IT WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BEAR ON ZAIRE INFLUENCE ON SUPPLY AND PRICES OF BARK OR ITS PRODUCTS. MORE PARTICULARLY, IS ZAIRE WORKING WITH OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS TO CONTROL SUPPLY AND PRICES?

4. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT SECTION 108 OF THE NEW TRADE ACT SPECIFICALLY STATES THE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE OF ASSURED ACCESS TO SUPPLIES OF COMMODITIES WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED FROM ABROAD. THE INFORMATION REQUESTED WILL BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING NATURE OF A REQUEST WHICH MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE MADE OF ZAIRE IN THE MTN. KISSINGER

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